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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002,  
entry of the following Amendments and Remarks is respectfully  
requested. A response to the Office Action was originally due  
August 9, 2002. Applicants submit herewith a Petition of  
Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to the Office  
Action for two months, until October 9, 2002. Accordingly, this  
Response is being timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

To the Specification

Please amend the abstract to read as follows,

*The invention provides compounds  
which specifically inhibit factor Xa activity  
having the structure  $A_1-A_2-(A_3)_m-B$ , where m is*